

SENATE RESOLUTION 103

By Lamar

A RESOLUTION to honor Adrienne Pakis-Gillon in celebration of Women's History Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of March was officially designated as Women's History Month in 1987; and

WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements of those women who have paved the way wherein every person has an opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of a number of historic, pioneering women, including the awe-inspiring Adrienne Pakis-Gillon of Germantown, an eminent activist for women's rights and children's education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pakis-Gillon served as the Vice President of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument board, which worked for over a decade to raise private funds and erect the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument in Centennial Park in Nashville, and she is the immediate past president of the National Women's Political Caucus Tennessee, which recruits and trains women to run for political office and to seek political appointments; and

WHEREAS, an active political force in her own right, she was elected to serve three terms on the Tennessee Democratic Party Executive Committee, totaling twelve years, and she served several terms on the Shelby County Democratic Party Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, Adrienne Pakis-Gillon volunteered with the United Methodist Committee on Relief following damaging tornadoes and hurricanes, as well as working with Subsidium, Inc., the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf, and the Memphis City Public Arts Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pakis-Gillon has worked on several political campaigns at local, state, and national levels, and she currently serves on the Memphis Advisory Board for Facing History and Ourselves, Germantown Neighborhood Preservation Committee, and Executive Committee of the Germantown Democrats; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, she was recognized as an Alumni Fellow for the College of Arts and Sciences for Mississippi State University and served on the college's advisory board for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is most thankful for the love and support of her husband, William Gillon, and her two children; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Ms. Pakis-Gillon during Women's History Month, let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds, as does Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Adrienne Pakis-Gillon on her many contributions to the State of Tennessee as we celebrate Women's History Month and the generations of trailblazing women who have built our State and their vital contributions to our country's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.